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1. DEPT PLEASED THAT POST UNDERTAKING INFORMATION PROGRAM
ON INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION/MASS MEDIA ISSUES. PER-
TINENT AVAILABLE MATERIALS WILL BE POUCHED IMMEDIATELY AND
OTHERS LATER AS THEY ARE DEVELOPED. FOLLOWING BRIEF OVER-
VIEW OF CONFERENCES MAY BE USEFUL.

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2. CONFERENCE ON ROLE OF NEWS MEDIA IN DEVELOPING WORLD,
CAIRO APRIL 2-5: SPONSORED BY MURROW CENTER, MIDDLE EAST
NEWS AGENCY, CAIRO UNIVERSITY: TO CONTINUE DYNAMIC
DIALOGUE BEGUN AT LAST MAY'S CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK BETWEEN
MEDIA AND NEWS AGENCY MANAGERS IN THIRD WORLD AND WEST.
WHILE NEW YORK CONFERENCE CONCENTRATED CHIEFLY ON PRINT
MEDIA, CAIRO ASSEMBLY FOCUSED MORE ON BROADCAST MEDIA.

SINCE MEDIA PRACTITIONERS ARE THE PRINCIPAL ACTORS, USG REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED AS OBSERVERS AND STAY IN THE BACKGROUND. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT CONFERENCE MAY HEAR ONE OR MORE PROPOSALS FOR INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT AFFORDING FUNCTIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN BIG INTERNATIONAL NEWS AGENCIES AND VARIOUS NATIONAL AGENCIES. ONE AMERICAN (ROGER TATARIAN, UPI EDITOR-IN-CHIEF EMERITUS) IS FORMULATING SUCH A PROPOSAL. ICA IS UNDERWRITING SOME OF CONFERENCE EXPENSES, ALONG WITH FOUNDATIONS, MIDEAST NEWS AGENCY, CAIRO UNIVERSITY. FULL REPORT OF NEW YORK CONFERENCE AND FOLLOWUP INTERVIEWS TO ASSESS ITS IMPACT--AND ACTION IT STIMULATED--IS EXPECTED TO COME OUT SOON. COPY WILL BE POUCHED TO POST AS AVAILABLE.

3. 20TH SESSION OF UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE (GC),PARIS, OCTOBER-NOVEMBER, 1978: U.S. DELEGATION NOT YET SELECTED. CONFERENCE WILL OF COURSE TAKE UP LITERALLY HUNDREDS OF INDIVIDUAL ITEMS COVERING WIDELY DIVERSE MATTERS IN EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL--AS WELL AS COMMUNICATION--SECTORS. COMMUNICATION ISSUES, NOW IN A HIGHLY FLUID STATE, ARE EXPECTED TO ASSUME MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE AT CONFERENCE, DUE TO: (A) CONTROVERSY OVER MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES DRAFT DECLARATION AND (B) LDCS' CLAMOR FOR "EQUITY" IN ACCESS TO COMMUNICATION RESOURCES AND "BALANCE" IN INFORMATION FLOWS.

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REVISED TEXTS, WHICH HAVE BEEN FLOATED AS UNOFFICIAL TRIAL BALLOONS, SHOW SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT OVER TEXT WHICH U.S. AND ALLIES OPPOSED SO VIGOROUSLY AT 19TH GC, BUT CHANGES ARE INSUFFICIENT TO OVERCOME U.S. OBJECTIONS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT DIRECTOR GENERAL, WHO IS AWARE OF OUR OBJECTIONS, WILL PRESENT AN OFFICIAL DRAFT TEXT SOON. USG AND ELEMENTS OF AMERICAN MEDIA COMMUNITY EARNESTLY PURSUING MEANS TO HELP LDCS--THROUGH EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE, TRAINING/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS AND EQUIPMENT AID--OVERCOME IMBALANCE. SUCH ACTIVITY, PARTICULARLY IN MULTILATERAL MODE, LIKELY TO BE INFLUENCED AND STIMULATED BY ACTIONS OF UNESCO INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR STUDY OF COMMUNICATION PROBLEMS (ICSCP) IN TWO MEETINGS BEFORE GC: STOCKHOLM IN APRIL AND PARIS IN JUNE. ELIE ABEL, DEAN OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, IS MEMBER, BUT LIKE ALL OTHERS SERVES IN INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY ON COMMISSION. PROLOGUE OF STOCKHOLM MEETING WILL BE SYMPOSIUM OF INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL NEWS AGENCIES REPRESENTATIVES, AT WHICH U.S. MEDIA WILL BE WELL REPRESENTED.

4. WORLD ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO CONFERENCE (WARC), GENEVA,

SEPTEMBER 24 - NOVEMBER 30, 1979: GLEN O. ROBINSON, FORMERLY FCC COMMISSIONER AND NOW UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA LAW PROFESSOR, HAS BEEN NAMED CHAIRMAN OF U.S. DELEGATION. INITIAL DELEGATION GROUP NOW IN PROCESS OF FORMATION. THE 1979 WARC, A MAJOR CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION, WILL BE FIRST GENERAL RADIO CONFERENCE SINCE 1959 AND WILL BE COMPETENT TO MAKE MAJOR CHANGES TO THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REGULATIONS AND HAS POTENTIAL OF CONDITIONING DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEMS INTO YEAR 2000. DEPT TEAM PREPARING FOR 1979 WARC BY ESTABLISHING PRE-CONFERENCE DIALOGUE ON COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY BASIS. DEPT'S A-377 OF JAN. 25, 1977, GENEVA TELEGRAM 2041 AND DEPT'S 43282 AND 52330 ALL UNCLASSIFIED

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PERTAIN. ISSUES ARE HIGHLY TECHNICAL AND COMPLEX, BUT STATEMENT OF GENERAL U.S. POSITION WILL BE SENT TO POST IN DUE TIME.

5. FURTHER, POST IS ADVISED THAT THE USIA DOCUMENT CIRCULATED IN MID-1977, WHICH GIVES VOICE OF AMERICA (VOA) PROPOSALS FOR EXPANSION OF HIGH FREQUENCY BROADCASTING BANDS, IS NOT REPEAT NOT THE CURRENT USG POSITION. VANCE

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